

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS  
OF ODAWA INDIANS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2004

GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order by Chair Kishigo at 10:00 am.

Smudging and invocation by Chair Kishigo.

Roll call:

Present: Cheryl Kishigo, Wenona Singel, Michael Givens and John Bott.

Absent: Patricia Dyer-Deckrow excused.

Quorum established.

Staff: Jaime Barrientoz, Economic Development Director  
Susan A. Swadling, Economic Development Assistant

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to adopt the agenda as presented and amended,  
supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to adopt the minutes of September 9, 2004 as  
presented, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

10:14 am open public comment.

Susan A. Swadling, Cheryl Kishigo, Wenona Singel, Michael Givens and John Bott.

Closed public comment at 10:21 am.

10:22 am break

10:29 am reconvene.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to postpone the 2004 elections of officers to the  
November 6, 2004 meeting, supported by Vice-Chair Singel.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

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Council Feedback

National Congress of American Indians went well. There were four resolutions proposed by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, two were accepted.

Higher Education Institutions are required to have proof of Native American status for eligibility in Native American programs, scholarships and teaching positions.

10:41 am break.

10:46 am reconvene.

Commission reviewed the packet of information from Tribal Council.

Economic Development Director Report

Jaime Barrientoz, Economic Development Director, submitted a verbal report. After reviewing the budget, a modification has been prepared for submission. Staffing remains at three and we have an intern assisting with the marketing for Bell's Fishery.

Chris Holz, Enterprise Accountant, has resigned; his last day was on Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>. As a result, Mel Kiogima will be doing the accounting for Bell's Fishery, Toni Gasco – Biindigen and Valerie Tweedie – Kings Inn.

Discussed the budget at Bell's Fishery and the additional funds approved by Tribal Council.

Kings Inn will be closing for the season this coming week. Discussed having Lauree Kirchoff take the reservations over the winter.

Chair Kishigo left at 11:45 am.

Chair Kishigo returned at 11:48 am.

Discussion on the tobacco and fuel usage. Quota for cigarettes is nearly all gone. Possible to get a higher quota from state for the rest of the year or to change some of the other tobacco products quota switched to cigarettes.

Break at 11:52 am.

Reconvene at 12:55 pm.

Continued discussion on tobacco and fuel for the Tribe.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Singel to affirm the Economic Development Commission's and Economic Development Department's intent to draft a new charter for the Tribe's non-gaming enterprises:

1. That the Commission and Department both intend to work together to ensure that a new charter creating a separate entity for the Tribe's non-gaming enterprises is critically needed and should be drafted and submitted to the Tribal Council by October 28, 2004;
2. That given the EDC's infrequent meetings, the Economic Development Director shall assume primary responsibility for developing the charter, disseminating drafts of it to EDC members for review, compiling the comments of EDC members, and incorporating those comments in

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subsequent drafts with the overall objective of completing the final draft of the charter by October 28, 2004;

3. That the EDC and EDD share a desire that the Tribal Council will review the charter during November and December 2004, and will vote on the charter by January 1, 2005.

supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Timeline for the charter is:

- Version 2 mark up to Susan A. Swadling on October 18<sup>th</sup>
- Version 3 emailed to Commission, Al, Legal and Valerie Tweedie October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Comments back to Susie on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Version 3 mark up to Susie on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Version 4 emailed to Commission, Al, Legal, and Valerie Tweedie October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Phone poll on October 26<sup>th</sup> with back up phone poll on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Submission of Version 4 to Su Lantz on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to accept the Economic Development Director and staff verbal and written report, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Presentation by guest Steve Smiley.

3:02 pm break.

3:12 pm reconvene

Chair's report.

- Quarterly report for Tribal Council due on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Looked at Enrollment Amendment submitted to Tribal Council.
- Renewable energy grants – Environmental Services, Economic Development and Planning
- Budget modification for EDC.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to allow Chair Kishigo and Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow to make two necessary changes to the 2004 EDC budget for submission to Tribal Council and report at the next EDC meeting, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Singel to approve the Chair's verbal report, supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

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Motion made by Commissioner Bott to approve stipend and mileage for Chair Kishigo or designee to present the EDC quarterly report to the Tribal Council, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Vice-Chair report

- Going to National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws next week.
- Sue Woodrow of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis – minorities underserved by banks – involved with UCC
- Tribal Court – conflict of interest — writing legislation and sitting on the court (Constitution has been approved and need to do a new election).

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to accept the Vice-Chair's verbal report, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Treasurer's report – no report, excused absence.

Secretary's report

Discussed telephone call received regarding Biindigen.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to accept the Secretary's verbal report, supported by Vice-Chair Singel.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Bio-diesel

Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of this project.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott to authorize Secretary Givens to write a letter declining the alternative fuel initiative, supported by Vice-Chair Singel.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Givens to table the strategic plan and keep it on the agenda for the next meeting, supported by Commissioner Bott.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

No closed session.

Next meeting scheduled on November 6, 2004 at 9:30 am.

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Motion made by Commissioner Bott to adjourn the meeting, supported by Commissioner Givens.

Vote taken: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent (Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow).

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_, Michael Givens, Secretary.